



# LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY**

**FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2025**

**PSO4MC04 – SOCIAL POLICY**



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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

## SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

**Answer ALL the questions**

**(5 x 1 = 5)**

**1 True or False**

- Stakeholders in social policy include the government, non-governmental organizations, and citizens.
- Evidence-based policymaking helps ensure that policies are effective and relevant to societal needs.
- ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) is a policy aimed at improving early childhood nutrition and health in India.
- Labour laws in India have been static and have not undergone any reforms over time.
- Welfare states in developed countries such as the U.S., Australia, Korea, and Italy follow the same model.

## SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

**Answer ALL the questions**

**(5 x 1 = 5)**

**2 Match the following**

- Australia's Welfare System - Primarily focused on pensions
- Welfare State in Italy - India's flagship early childhood care program
- Policy Formulation - Shifted from wage-earners' welfare to neoliberalism
- Policy Evaluation - Process of designing and implementing policies
- ICDS - Process of assessing the effectiveness of policies

## SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

**Answer any THREE of the following in 400 words each.**

**(3 x 10 = 30)**

- Explain the origins and development of social policy.
- Identify and discuss strategies to overcome challenges in implementing evidence-based policies.
- Illustrate the key steps involved in policy framing.
- Analyze the concept of statecraft vis-a-vis policymaking.
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of the neoliberal approach in policymaking, providing relevant examples.

## SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

**Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.**

**(2 x 12.5 = 25)**

- Analyze the role of different stakeholders in the policy-making process. How do their interests shape social policy outcomes?
- Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the ICDS program in addressing child malnutrition in India.
- Compare and contrast the welfare policies of the U.S. and Italy in terms of healthcare and pension systems.
- Explain the elite model of policy making with suitable examples.

**SECTION D – K5 (CO4)**

	<b>Answer any ONE of the following in 800 words</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(1 x 15 = 15)</b></span>
12	Evaluate India's electrification policies and their impact on marginalized communities.
13	Develop an evidence-based policy recommendation to improve the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in rural India.

**SECTION E – K6 (CO5)**

	<b>Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(1 x 20 = 20)</b></span>
14	Summarize the pros and cons of Indian social policies in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century with suitable examples.
15	Design a policy framework that integrates labour law reforms and social welfare measures to ensure both economic growth and workers' rights in India.

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